

We Claim:

1. A small-sized surface boat comprising:

a hull;

a deck constituting an upper surface of the hull;

5 a seat which extends in a fore-and-aft direction mounted on the deck;

an approximately horizontal flat portion formed behind the seat and on

a rear end portion of the deck;

an inclined surface portion having an upward gradient in the forward direction from a front end of the flat portion; and

10 a finger catching groove in a front end of the inclined surface portion to be caught by a finger of an extended hand from a rear side of the hull.

2. A small-sized surface boat according to claim 1, wherein a level of a

bottom surface of the finger catching groove is set equal to or higher than a level of the flat portion, and left-side and right-side inclined groove portions extend from both ends

of the finger catching groove to the flat portion whereby water reserved in the finger catching groove is made to flow to the flat portion.

3. A small-sized surface boat according to claim 1, wherein the cover constitutes a portion of the finger catching groove and forms a continuous inclined 5 surface that extends with an upward gradient from the flat portion to the seat.

4. A small-sized surface boat according to claim 1, wherein a flat portion of the approximately horizontal flat portion of the rear end of the deck extends approximately horizontally in the forward direction along the right side periphery and left side periphery of the deck.

10 5. A small-sized surface boat according to claim 1, wherein the finger catching groove is approximately parallel to a rear end portion of the deck.

6. A small-sized surface boat according to claim 1, wherein a cover is mounted between the inclined surface portion and the seat, the cover is set approximately coplanar with the inclined surface portion and an inclination 15 approximately equal to an inclination of the inclined surface portion, and an opening

which communicates with a lower space of the deck is formed in a lower portion of the cover.

7. A small-sized surface boat according to claim 6, wherein the cover provides access to an opening in the deck for maintenance of equipment in a lower portion of the deck.

8. A small-sized surface boat according to claim 7, wherein the opening is covered by a lid that hermetically seals the opening against intrusion of water into the lower portion of the deck.

9. A method of mounting a small-sized surface boat by an occupant from a water surface comprising:

approaching from a generally aft direction of the small-sized surface boat from the water surface wherein the boat comprises a seat which extends in a fore-and-aft direction mounted on the center of a deck which constitutes an upper surface of a hull, an approximately horizontal flat portion formed behind the seat and on a rear end portion of the deck, an inclined surface portion having an upward gradient in the

frontward direction from a front end of the flat portion, and a finger catching groove to be caught by a finger of an extended hand from a rear side of the hull in a front end of the inclined surface portion;

grasping the finger catching groove; and

- 5 mounting the approximately horizontal flat portion formed behind the seat and on the rear end portion of the deck by the occupant pulling from the finger catching groove.